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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REARRANGEMENT OF ITU RADIO REGULATIONS; IFRB  
OFFICERS FOR 1975

REF: A) STATE 9399; B) GENEVA 7328

1. TEL ATT CALLED ON IFRD CHARIMAN BERRADA (MOROCCO) JAN 16  
TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RAISED REF A.
2. BERRADA REPORTED THAT BOARD SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED  
DETAILED DOCUMENT OF IFRB ON REVISION OF STRUCTURE OF RADIO  
REGULATION AND LATER THIS MONTH BOARD WOULD CONSIDER THIS  
DOCUMENT AND FORWARD IT WITH COMMENTS FOR FURTHER STUDY TO  
WORKING PARTY COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IFRB, CCIR,  
CCITT AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT (SMITH AND ZEHKRI) WHICH WILL  
MEET IN MID-FEBRUARY. COPY OF DOCUMENT, WHICH IN  
BERRADA'S WORDS IS "UNOFFICIAL" AND INCLUDES THREE  
PARTS--MEMORANDUM ON OVERALL SUBJECT; ANNEX I--  
GENERAL RADIO REGULATIONS; AND ANNEX II--RADIO  
REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN SERVICES AIR POUCHED TO  
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3. BERRADA SAYS WORKING PARTY WILL BE ASKED TO DRAFT  
REPORT TO 30TH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ON IMPLEMENTATION  
OF RECOMMENDATION NO. MAR-2-21. HE CONFIRMED THAT  
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ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO APPEAR

SEPARATELY. (REF A, PARA 1).

4. WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO RECOMMENDATION NO. 2-21, BERRADA NOTED THAT AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO BE CONSIDERED WAS WHICH WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 1977 SHOULD BE ASSIGNED THE TASK OF DECIDING ON REVISION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE RADIO REGULATION--THE AERONAUTICAL SERVICE CONFERENCE (NOT YET CERTAIN TO BE CONVENED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE TO ITU CIRCULAR ON SUBJECT) OR THE SATELLITE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION BERRADA EXPECTS THAT THE 30TH ADMIN COUNCIL THIS JUNE WILL ASK THE IFRB TO CONSULT ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE SPRING OF 1976 AND REPORT TO THE 31ST ADMIN COUNCIL ON PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF REVISING THE STRUCTURE OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS TO THAT THE 31ST COUNCIL CAN DECIDE IF A SECOND MEETING OF A WORKING PARTY FROM ADMINISTRATIONS IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE REVISION OF THE DRAFT.

6. BERRADA ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATION PRIOR TO CONVENING OF THE 1977 SATELLITE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE JUST TO DETERMINE WHAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DO; IN SHORT, TO SEPARATE THE TECHNICAL FROM THE NON-TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF SATELLITE BROADCASTING. HE SAID THE 30TH ADMIN COUNCIL COULD DECIDE THAT AT ITS 31ST SESSION (1976) IT WOULD SET ASIDE ONE DAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS OF THE SATELLITE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE. FOR THIS SPECIAL DISCUSSION THE COUNCIL COULD BRING APPROPRIATE EXPERTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE. BERRADA STRESSED, FINALLY, THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD ALSO HAVE TO DECIDE ON DURATION OF THE SATELLITE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE AS THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

7. LOOKING AHEAD TO 1979, BERRADA NOTED THAT THE TASK ASSIGNED THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE OF THAT YEAR APPEARED TO BE VERY HEAVY. HE SUGGESTED THAT

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ADMINISTRATIONS MIGHT WISH TO HAVE THE ADMIN COUNCIL APPOINT A WORKING GROUP TO MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES BEFORE THE CONFERENCE CONVENES TO DETERMINE ITS EXACT OBJECTIVES AND METHODS OF WORK. HE FELT THIS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO GUARANTEE SUCCESS OF THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

8. FINALLY, BERRADA REPORTED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE

AS CHAIRMAN AND MR. NISHIZAKI (JAPAN) AS VICE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE IFRB ONLY UNTIL JUNE 30, 1975. EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, WITH CONVENING OF THE NEW BOARD ELECTED AT THE  
WMARC IN 1974, THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS  
TO SERVE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1975.

9. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH MR. BERRADA  
DISCUSSED MANY KEY POINTS CONCERNING THE 1977 AND  
1979 RADIO CONFERENCES AND ENTERED INTO THE WORK OF  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, THE FINAL WORD ON ALL  
THESE SUBJECTS RESTS WITH THE ITU SECRETARY GENERAL  
AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. TEL ATT WILL CONSULT THESE  
OFFICIALS AT LATER DATE ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS. ABRAMS

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